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News For & About Patrol Service Area 106

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Don't Make It Easy For A Thief To Steal Your Wheels

EVERY DAY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ABOUT 18 VEHICLES ARE STOLEN! THESE STOLEN VANS, CARS, MOTORCYCLE AND TRUCKS COST VICTIMS TIME AND MONEY, AS WELL AS INCREASE EVERYONE'S INSURANCE PREMIUMS. OFTEN, STOLEN VEHICLES ARE USED TO COMMIT OTHER CRIMES.

❑ WATCH YOUR CAR PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM, PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY THE DEPARTMENT FREE-OF-CHARGE TO OWNERS OF VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROTECTING YOUR AUTOMOBILE-POLICE OFFICERS ACROSS THE NATION ARE READY TO ...*WATCH YOUR CAR!*

A VOLUNTARY VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM, *WATCH YOUR CAR* IS DESIGNED TO DETER AUTO THEFT AND ASSIST IN THE APPREHENSION OF AUTO THIEVES. OWNERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SIGN AN AGREEMENT STATING THEIR AUTOMOBILE IS NOT NORMALLY USED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1 AM AND 5 AM. IF A POLICE OFFICER OBSERVES THE VEHICLE BEING DRIVEN ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THESE HOURS, THE VEHICLE IS STOPPED TO VERIFY IT IS BEING OPERATED BY THE OWNER-OR A PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE OWNER.

JOINING THE *WATCH YOUR CAR* PROGRAM IS EASY AND FREE. YOU CAN SIGN UP ONLINE AT WWW.MPDC.DC.GOV, BY CALLING 1-877-DC2-STOP, OR FILL OUT AN APPLICATION AT ANY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE.

HERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS TO HELP KEEP YOUR VEHICLE FROM BEING A TARGET FOR AUTO THIEVES.

- ❑ *NEVER LEAVE YOUR CAR RUNNING UNATTENDED. REMOVE KEYS FROM THE IGNITION, CLOSE ALL YOUR WINDOWS AND LOCK ALL YOUR DOORS*

- ❑ *CARRY THE REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE CARD WITH YOU. DON'T LEAVE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS OR CREDIT CARD RECEIPTS IN YOUR VEHICLE*
- ❑ *WHEN YOU PAY TO PARK IN A LOT OR GARAGE, LEAVE JUST THE IGNITION KEY WITH THE ATTENDANT. MAKE SURE NO PERSONAL INFORMATION IS ATTACHED. DO THE SAME WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR CAR FOR REPAIRS*

ONE VEHICLE IS STOLEN EVERY 20 SECONDS IN THE UNITED STATES

- ❑ *INSTALL A MECHANICAL LOCKING DEVICE COMMONLY CALLED CLUBS, COLLARS, OR J-BARS THAT LOCKS TO THE STEERING WHEEL, COLUMN, OR BRAKE TO PREVENT THE WHEEL FROM BEING TURNED MORE THAN A FEW DEGREE*
- ❑ *CONSIDER SECURITY SYSTEMS OR VEHICLE IMMOBILIZERS, YOU MAY GET A DISCOUNT ON YOUR AUTO INSURANCE*

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PSA 106 Community Meetings
Community meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Logan School located at 2nd and G Street NE from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

PSA Citizen Coordinators:
Roger Mattioli 543-2484 and Greg Noonan 544-4304

PSA 106 Lt. David Kamperin 727-4660 (MPD First District Sub-Station)

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, December 11, 2003

Thursday, January 8, 2004

Neighborhood Patrols

AN IMPORTANT PART OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS THROUGH CITIZEN, OR ORANGE HAT PATROLS. THE ORANGE HATS ARE A GROUP OF CITIZENS THAT MEET WEEKLY AND WALK THROUGH THE RESIDENTIAL PART OF THE PSA, BEING A VISIBLE PRESENCE AND NOTING ACTIVITIES AND LOCATIONS THAT MAY NEED FOLLOW-UP ATTENTION BY THE POLICE OR OTHER CITY AGENCIES. ORANGE HAT PATROLS MEET ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF STUART-HOBSON'S SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE 400 BLOCK OF E STREET, NE (ORANGE HATS OPTIONAL). FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT MINDI FARBER-DEANDA AT 544-4206.

Block Captains Needed

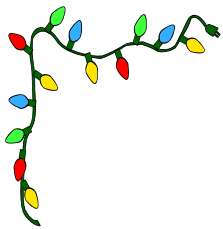
PSA 106 IS TRYING TO REVITALIZE OUR BLOCK CAPTAIN PROGRAM. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KIM MATTHEWS AT 543-4653

PSA 106 Email Bulletin Board

STAYING CURRENT, CONNECTED, AND INFORMED IS EASY THROUGH THE PSA'S WEB-BASED BULLETIN BOARD NELINK. NELINK DISTRIBUTES NEWS OF RECENT CRIMES, MESSAGES OF CONCERN TO RESIDENTS, BULLETINS FROM POLICE AND CITY LEADERS, AND NOTES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS. TO RECEIVE THIS FREE SERVICE, SEND AN EMAIL TO PSA106@TOWARD.COM WITH YOUR NAME, POSTAL AND EMAIL ADDRESS. JUST LET US KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO BE ADDED TO NELINK AND START BEING CONNECTED!

Staying Connected

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PSA 106, INCLUDING CURRENT CRIME AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION VISIT US ON LINE WWW.PSA106.ORG. LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MPD? VISIT THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE AT WWW.MPDC.DC.GOV.



Light Up the Spirit House Decorating Contest

*Are you ready for the Holidays? Do you have the best-decorated house on the block? Do you think all that time decorating your house and getting into the Holiday Spirit has gone unnoticed? Well, yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus and now there is a house- decorating contest in PSA 106. Prizes will be distributed for the best- dressed houses in the PSA. So don't be a Grinch or a Scrooge-get those lights, tinsels, garland, wreaths and bows out of the attic and **LIGHT UP THE SPIRIT!** Houses will be judged during the week of December 14, 2003.*

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE CONTEST YOU MUST:

1. BE A RESIDENT OF PSA 106
2. REGISTER ON LINE: LTPSA106@HOTMAIL.COM WITH NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER BY DECEMBER 13, 2003.

Crime Information

Prior: Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2002
Current: Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2003

#DIV/0 = Number does not divide by zero

Offense	Prior	Current	+ / -	%
Homicide	0	0	0	#div/0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0.00
Robbery	13	11	-2	-15%
Assaults	1	2	1	100%
Burglary	2	6	4	200%
Theft	16	15	-1	-6%
Theft f/ Auto	21	20	-1	-5%
Stolen Auto	9	4	-5	-56%
Arson	0	0	0	#div/0
TOTAL	62	58	-4	-6%

(All percentages rounded to nearest number and based on preliminary information)

Crime Prevention Tip-Street Smarts

THE BEST WEAPONS AGAINST STREET CRIME ARE ALERTNESS AND COMMON SENSE. STAY ALERT AND TUNED INTO YOUR SURROUNDINGS, WHEREVER YOU ARE. STAND TALL AND WALK CONFIDENTLY. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE IN A PLACE OR SITUATION, LEAVE QUICKLY.

TIPS FOR WALKERS

- ❑ CHOOSE BUSY STREETS AND AVOID PASSING VACANT LOTS, ALLEYS, OR DESERTED CONSTRUCTION SITES. AT NIGHT, STICK TO WELL-LIGHTED AREAS.
- ❑ AVOID WALKING AND JOGGING ALONE WHEN POSSIBLE.
- ❑ GET TO KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE YOU LIVE AND WORK.
- ❑ CARRY YOUR PURSE CLOSE TO YOUR BODY, AND KEEP A FIRM GRIP ON IT. CARRY A WALLET IN AN INSIDE COAT POCKET OR FRONT PANTS POCKET.
- ❑ DON'T OVERLOAD YOURSELF WITH PACKAGES, AND AVOID WEARING SHOES OR CLOTHING THAT RESTRICT YOUR MOVEMENT.
- ❑ CARRY A WHISTLE OR OTHER SOUND DEVICE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. AVOID TALKING ON THE CELL PHONE OR WEARING EARPHONES WHEN WALKING-BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS!
- ❑ IF SOMEONE HASSLES YOU SAY LOUDLY, "LEAVE ME ALONE!" DON'T BE EMBARRASSED.
- ❑ IF SOMEONE TRIES TO ROB YOU GIVE UP YOUR PROPERTY-NOT YOUR LIFE!
 - REPORT THE CRIME IMMEDIATELY TO MPD; TRY TO DESCRIBE THE ATTACKER ACCURATELY ALONG WITH DIRECTION OF FLIGHT. YOUR ACTIONS CAN HELP PREVENT OTHERS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS.

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